

Ken was born in Keuterville, Idaho, on July 28, 1928. He was one of six children. About 7 years later, his family moved to The Dalles, Oregon, where he graduated from St. Mary's Academy High School in 1946.

Along the way, he met his future wife, Marie von Borstel. In the spring of 1951, Ken and Marie were married. Shortly thereafter, Uncle Sam came calling, and Ken was drafted into the U.S. Army, where he served during the war in Korea.

After he returned home and earned a degree in economics, they settled on a wheat ranch in Sherman County. Like most ranchers I know, Ken loved the land and practiced progressive conservation efforts. He enjoyed hunting, traveling, and playing cards with friends.

It is reported that he was a popular poker dealer at the veterans' home in The Dalles, bringing much joy to those who, like him, wore our Nation's uniform and preserved our freedom and way of life.

I always appreciated Ken's friendship and counsel over the years. Mylene and I extend our deepest sympathies to his family during this difficult time of loss.

CALLING FOR COVID RELIEF

(Mr. CICILLINE asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. CICILLINE. Madam Speaker, it has been 9 months since Congress delivered a relief package for the American people. Since then, the pandemic has grown worse.

Every time Democrats tried to pass a new relief package, the Republicans who control the U.S. Senate have blocked it from reaching the American people.

This has gone on long enough. It is long past time to provide the relief that our folks who are living through this pandemic need.

We need to provide another round of stimulus payments to workers. We need to extend and expand unemployment insurance. We need to establish a national COVID testing program and make sure our hospitals and community health centers have the resources they need to provide lifesaving care.

We need to help small businesses that have already sacrificed so much in the face of this pandemic, and we need to provide funding so that we can get our population vaccinated against this disease and get our lives back to normal as soon as possible.

Leaving town without an agreement is not an option. It is critical that we get this done for the American people.

Madam Speaker, I urge all of my colleagues to work together to make this happen.

PAYING TRIBUTE TO NANCY EPOCH

(Mr. WATKINS asked and was given permission to address the House for 1

minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. WATKINS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to acknowledge the life and work of the late Nancy Epoch.

This poster shows a picture of her on the left. On the right, is college professor Sally Glassman, probably the best tap dance teacher in Kansas, but that is another speech entirely.

Mrs. Epoch was beloved by all. She was a music teacher, a choral director, a Chiefs superfan, and a legitimate Broadway talent who then returned home.

What she really did was that she enabled young and old kids to find their voice, be bold, and share it with the world.

So, Mrs. Epoch, from the floor of the U.S. House of Representatives to you in Heaven, first, I thank you for that first Chiefs Super Bowl victory. I am pretty sure that that was you. We love you, and we miss you.

PROVIDE COVID RELIEF TO FAMILIES

(Ms. PRESSLEY asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Ms. PRESSLEY. Madam Speaker, I rise today on behalf of the people who are struggling and feel abandoned by their government during this crisis.

I rise in solidarity with every parent who has struggled to buy diapers and formula, every family behind on rent or crushed by the grief of an empty chair at the kitchen table.

Our people are crying out, sick, tired, hungry, and broken. The people we have taken an oath to serve and protect need direct cash to survive the winter. We must send them survival checks immediately.

Some of my colleagues are patting themselves on the back for sending corporations payouts—corporations, by the way, that have profited off of people during this pandemic—and shaming families on the edge. Shame on them for their theatrics and their callousness.

450 pennies a day for the last 9 months, that is what our government has sent the American people to weather this crisis, and nothing for the immigrant families who drive our essential workforce.

It didn't have to be this way. Our families deserve direct cash, real survival checks.

Madam Speaker, \$600 is hardly sufficient. It is an insult. We must act to save lives now. The pandemic has not discriminated in its hardship, but it would seem compassion and empathy have.

COUNTERING CONFUCIUS INSTITUTES

(Ms. FOXX of North Carolina asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Ms. FOXX of North Carolina. Madam Speaker, there has been a lot of news

coverage lately on coordinated efforts by the Chinese Communist Party to infiltrate America's institutions.

I am particularly troubled by reports revealing efforts by the CCP to exploit academic integrity on U.S. college campuses.

We know the CCP is using Confucius Institutes to further its agenda. Located on college campuses across the U.S., Confucius Institutes use their platform to spew Chinese Government propaganda.

While Democrats turn a blind eye to China's threat, I am proud my Republican colleagues and I joined forces on the China Task Force and made bipartisan recommendations to Congress on how best to counter threats from the CCP.

There is no place for Chinese censorship in America, especially not on college campuses where American ingenuity should take flight. Congress must deliver a strong message: CCP propaganda will be met with consequences.

EXPRESSING APPRECIATION FOR ESTHER PAGE

(Mr. RIGGLEMAN asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. RIGGLEMAN. Madam Speaker, I rise today to offer my gratitude and appreciation for Esther Page, my constituent services director.

Known as the Constituent Whisperer and Queen of Casework, Esther is retiring this January after 31 years of service.

She truly is the model of what a non-partisan public servant should be, having shown the same care and devotion for Virginia's Fifth District even as the seat swapped back and forth between parties.

I will read a comment from one of my constituents who benefited from Ms. Page's service: "I felt from her very first contact that she was committed to advocating for me and my best interests. Without Ms. Page, I truly believe that I would still be waiting, my case file deeply buried on someone's desk."

Her devout faith was an example to me and all constituents she helped. She will be retiring to her home in Nelson County this January, and I wish her a long and fulfilling retirement.

Esther, I think I speak for all the Fifth District in offering my deepest appreciation for the service you have done.

This is not in the speech but know that we all love you.

HONORING CHUCK YEAGER

(Mrs. MILLER asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mrs. MILLER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the life and legacy of Chuck Yeager.

Mr. Yeager was a war hero, an incredible pilot, and a great West Virginian.

Born in Lincoln County in the small town of Myra, Chuck was a stellar athlete and a bright student who enlisted in the Air Force during World War II, answering the call to serve.

As a pilot, he was known for his outstanding leadership and flying skills, and his incredible vision. I am also proud to say that he never lost his steadfast West Virginia spirit.

Flying over 61 missions as an ace, he returned home from the war in 1945. He then became a test pilot who researched high-speed flight.

In 1947, Chuck was the first person to break the sound barrier, flying over the Mojave Desert, and went on to accomplish more in the field of flight while serving in the Air Force until 1971.

He was one of America's greatest pilots.

Chuck passed away this month at the age of 97. He lived a life of adventure, patriotism, service, and strength. He will always be remembered.

RECOGNIZING STEVE NELSON

(Mr. SMITH of Nebraska asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. SMITH of Nebraska. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Steve Nelson, a corn and soybean farmer from Axtell, Nebraska, on his retirement as president of the Nebraska Farm Bureau.

The Nebraska Farm Bureau is a leading voice for Nebraska agriculture producers because of its hardworking members and leaders like Steve, whose hard work and leadership have made the Third District of Nebraska the top-producing agriculture district in America.

Steve has served as president through the completion of two farm bills, ensuring the needs of Nebraska producers are reflected and met throughout the process—no small task.

I have appreciated Steve's persistence in the face of many challenges we have faced in Nebraska recently, especially the historic floods, storms, the irrigation tunnel collapse, and certainly other uncertainties. Those affected, though, were always able to turn to the Nebraska Farm Bureau.

I would like to thank Steve for his great work, and I wish him well as he continues as a farm producer at home and advocating for our State's farmers and ranchers.

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JOSEPH BULLOCK POST OFFICE BUILDING

(Mr. MAST asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. MAST. "Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God."

Madam Speaker, I rise today because the life and sacrifice of a true peacemaker, Trooper Joseph Bullock, will be honored by our passing of legislation to rename the postal facility in Port Salerno, Florida, as the Joseph Bullock Post Office Building.

Though he knew the risk, his story is not how a watch should end. And as we see his name each day in Port Salerno, we will be reminded of the valor within all of our law enforcement who, each day, commit to our communities the most significant thing that they have: their life.

Trooper Bullock, we salute you.

THE WRIGHT BROTHERS

(Mr. LAMALFA asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. LAMALFA. Madam Speaker, on this day in 1903, near Kitty Hawk, North Carolina, Orville and Wilbur Wright made the first successful aircraft flight in history.

In the years leading up to their first flight, they built and tested air gliders in their bicycle shop in their hometown of Dayton, Ohio. After making hundreds of successful flights in their glider, they designed a 12-horsepower engine to fit into the frame.

In the fall of 1903, the Wright brothers transported these pieces down to Kitty Hawk, assembled it, and made their first attempt at powered flight. Unfortunately, the engine stalled during takeoff and the engine was damaged. After making a few repairs, on December 17, Orville ran the aircraft down a track and into the air, flying 120 feet for 12 seconds.

Madam Speaker, of course, in the 117 years since, we have seen amazing leaps in aircraft ability and technology. Forty-four years after, Chuck Yeager broke the sound barrier, and now we have people landing on the Moon and satellite equipment going beyond the stretches of our solar system.

The Wright brothers' story is one of our most well-told tales of success in American modern innovation. Their drive and spirit is something that can inspire us all.

CONGRATULATIONS TOM MCCALL

(Mr. CARTER of Georgia asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. CARTER of Georgia. Madam Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Mr. Tom McCall of Elbert County, Georgia, for being elected president of Georgia's largest general farm organization, the Georgia Farm Bureau, on December 8. Tom replaces Gerald Long, who retired from the position after serving as GFB president since 2016.

He has been a dedicated Farm Bureau member since 1978, and Tom's first leadership role with the bureau was serving as the chairman of the Elbert

County Farm Bureau Young Farmers and Ranchers Committee. Tom also represented Georgia Farm Bureau's second district on the GFB board of directors and served as Elbert County Farm Bureau's president for several years.

The foundation of his leadership skills was developed when he served in the Georgia House of Representatives for 26 years. I was blessed to serve alongside Tom for 5 years in the Georgia State House, so I can attest to his dedication to improving the lives of his constituents and his commitment to the State of Georgia.

His wealth of knowledge in agriculture contributed to his success while serving on the Georgia House Agriculture and Consumer Affairs Committee, and I know his continued commitment to improving agriculture in the State of Georgia will allow him to thrive as Georgia Farm Bureau's president.

I wish him the best as he steps up to lead farmers across Georgia, and I know he will do a great job.

COMMUNICATION FROM THE CLERK OF THE HOUSE

The SPEAKER pro tempore laid before the House the following communication from the Clerk of the House of Representatives:

OFFICE OF THE CLERK,
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
Washington, DC, December 17, 2020.

Hon. NANCY PELOSI,
The Speaker, House of Representatives,
Washington, DC.

DEAR MADAM SPEAKER: Pursuant to the permission granted in Clause 2(h) of Rule II of the Rules of the U.S. House of Representatives, the Clerk received the following message from the Secretary of the Senate on December 17, 2020, at 11:54 a.m.:

That the Senate agrees to the House amendment to the bill S. 914.

That the Senate agrees to the House amendment to the bill S. 1130.

That the Senate passed S. 1387.

That the Senate passed S. 2513.

That the Senate passed S. 3287.

That the Senate passed S. 5036.

That the Senate passed with an amendment H.R. 221.

That the Senate passed without amendment H.R. 8810.

Appointment: United States—China Economic and Security Review Commission.

With best wishes, I am,

Sincerely,

CHERYL L. JOHNSON,
Clerk.

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 8 of rule XX, the Chair will postpone further proceedings today on motions to suspend the rules on which the yeas and nays are ordered.

The House will resume proceedings on postponed questions at a later time.